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TO: District and County Superintendents of Schools
Alternative Education Directors
Student Services Directors
Community Day School Administrators

FROM: Mary Tobias Weaver
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Education Support Systems Division

**SUBJECT: “Keys to Operating Quality Community Day Schools”—Spring 2000
Conference**

The Community Day School Field Colleagues Network (CDSFCN) will present a conference entitled “Keys to Operating Quality Community Day Schools” on June 1, 2000, at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont. This conference has been organized in collaboration with the California Department of Education which strongly encourages your participation.

Community Day Schools (CDSs) serve expelled and other at-risk students in kindergarten through grade 12 whose behavior prevents them from being successful in traditional school settings. A panel of field colleagues, including school and district level representatives, will present issues and practices considered to be keys to operating quality CDSs. There will be opportunities for conference participants to ask questions and to offer their own insights.

Conference participants will learn about a relatively new educational placement currently operated by over 175 districts and county offices of education. Workshop topics will include populations to be served; comprehensive curricula, including both academic and pro-social skills/resiliency components; entering and exiting CDSs; administration; allocating and leveraging resources; and accountability. Participants will also learn about, and be encouraged to participate in, a developing network of CDS field colleagues committed to working to support the development of high quality CDS programs.

We invite you or your designee to attend this conference if you have responsibilities for the educational placement of expelled or other at-risk students. The sessions have been planned to benefit Directors of Alternative Education and Student Services, as well as CDS administrators and staff.

For conference information and a map with directions go to <http://www.suhsdoptions.net> and follow the CDS link.

The location, date, and time are as follows:

Harvey Mudd College
301 East 12th
Galileo Auditorium
Claremont, California

June 1, 2000
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per participant, through May 26 (includes
continental breakfast and lunch)
\$45 at the door

Make checks payable to **CDS-LeARN**
467 1/2 Moss St.
Chula Vista, CA 91911
Deadline for pre-registration: **May 26, 2000**

For those coming from Northern California, use Ontario Airport. Accommodations are available at Harvey Mudd College for \$23 per night in the college dormitories. Those interested in making reservations should contact the Claremont Colleges to confirm at (909) 621-8000. When calling, ask for Dorm Services. There are also hotels in the vicinity of the Ontario Airport.

Key contacts:

Registration fee and form: Tom Williams
Sweetwater Union High School District
tom.williams@suhsd.k12.ca.us
(619) 585-7800

Conference and facilities: Devon Freitas
Claremont Unified School District
dfreitas@chs.cusd.claremont.edu
909) 398-0617

CDS information: Dan Sackheim
CDE, Educational Options Office
dsackhei@cde.ca.gov
(916) 445-5595

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You can also find information about CDS programs on the CDE Educational Options Office web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/essdiv/edoptshome.html>.

COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL FIELD COLLEAGUES NETWORK

**“KEYS TO OPERATING QUALITY
COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS”**

June 1, 2000
Harvey Mudd College, Claremont CA

Participant's Name _____

Job Title _____

School District or County Office _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Fax _____ e-mail _____

Registration Fees (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Limited space available and reservations filled on a first-come, first-served basis

_____ \$35 pre-registration on or before May 26, 2000

_____ \$45 at the door

Payment Information

_____ Check made payable to CDS-LeARN

_____ Purchase order enclosed

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Please complete and return this form to:

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Attn: CDS Conference